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POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for April 26, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Law Day luncheon scheduled for April 24

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will sponsor the APG Law Day celebration luncheon 11:30 a.m., April 24, at Top of the Bay for all personnel, civilian and military, as well as interested members of the APG and Harford County communities.

Frederic Smalkin, Senior Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland and Commanding General for the Maryland Defense Force, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets are available through April 20. For more information, contact Marie Antoinette Joiner, 410-278-1592 or e-mail her at marie.a.joiner@us.army.mil.

Updated CAC PIN reset information

The APG Garrison Directorate of Information Management is conducting CAC resets for personnel serviced by the garrison DOIM 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., every Tuesday and Thursday, and by appointment only, at building 316.

For more information and to have the CAC reset on non-scheduled days, contact Irving Sherrod, 410-278-3193 or Edna Lobodzinski, 410-278-4012.

Register for the 2006 Army Birthday Ball

Celebrate the Army's 231st Army Birthday Ball, 5:30 p.m., June 10, at the Hilton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C.

All U.S. Army Soldiers, family members, Department of the Army civilians, contractors, retirees, veterans and their guests are invited to attend the event. Tickets cost \$70 each and include dinner and entertainment. A limited number of discounted tickets of \$40 each will be available for E-6s, GS-7 civilians and below.

For more information, or to register for the 2006 Army Birthday Ball, visit Army Knowledge online at www.us.army.mil and follow the link to the ball. Seats are limited.

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16th Ordnance honors its own

PX holds grand opening



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Red, white and blue balloons greet visitors to Aberdeen Proving Ground Main Exchange during the facility's Grand Opening festivities April 12. Other vendor's within the building offer opportunities for civilian shopping. See article and more photos on pages 6 and 7.

Law Day 2006--'Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers'

Story by

MARIE ANTOINETTE JOINER

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Aberdeen Proving Ground will celebrate Law Day 11:30 a.m., April 24 with a luncheon at Top of the Bay. United States District Judge Frederick Smalkin will deliver the keynote speech.

Smalkin feels privileged to be this year's guest speaker.

"As a former ordnance officer, I look forward to returning to the home of the Ordnance Corps," Smalkin said.

Smalkin is also the commanding general for the Maryland Defense Force.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will host this year's luncheon.

"As the Staff Judge Advocate for Aberdeen Proving Ground, I have the privilege of delivering legal services to all its citizens," said Col. Brian Brady. "I have the special honor to sponsor Law Day for 2006."

Law Day reaffirms the nation's commitment to the rule of law.

"The rule of law is the foundation upon which this great nation governs itself in big matters as well as small. Respect for the law is the primary ethic that governs service members and all government employees who are all sworn to support and defend the Constitution of the United States," he said.

"The Constitution provides for separation of powers, which for over 200

years, has evolved to deliver a quality of life and degree of liberty for citizens that is unmatched anywhere in the world. That is an awesome accomplishment and one which all citizens of Aberdeen Proving Ground rightly have cause to be proud. I encourage everyone to reflect on what the rule of law means to them on Law Day," Brady said.

Understanding Law Day

"The first principle of a good government is certainly a distribution of its powers into executive, judiciary, and legislative, and a subdivision of the latter into two or three branches." — Thomas Jefferson to John Adams, 1787.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Law Day

Proclamation declaring the importance of recognizing the rule of law in this nation. Law Day underscores how the law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all Americans share.

The theme for Law Day 2006, "Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers," highlights the cornerstone of the American system of government—the separation of powers. Law Day is a day designed for all to honor the legacy of one of the most important documents of the 18th century and beyond: the United States Constitution. This living document has survived for over 200 years chiefly because of the separation of powers.

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APG Holocaust observance set for May 10

Story by

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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Equal Employment Opportunity Office will host the annual Days of Remembrance observance 10 to 11 a.m., May 10, at the Post Theater.

Days of Remembrance is a national commemoration of the Holocaust, the systematic and state-sponsored persecution and murder of approximately six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators before and during World War II.

The word "holocaust" is a word of Greek origin meaning "sacrifice by fire."

The guest speaker is Emmy Mogilensky of Park Heights. Mogilensky escaped the Holocaust as a child when her parents put her on a train, known as the Kindertransport, for England while they stayed behind in Germany, where they were killed by the Nazis.

After reaching adulthood, she came to the United States in 1950, married an American Soldier and settled in Albany, N.Y.

Since then, Mogilensky has been an outspoken speaker on the Holocaust and has written a number of published articles on the subject.

She served on the advisory committee to the New York State Department of Education for the creation of a Holocaust Studies curriculum, which is now in every high school in the state, and she served on New York State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein's advisory committee for the Permanent Holocaust Exhibit and Research Center in Albany, which opened in January 1986.

That same year, Governor Mario Cuomo appointed her to the state Holocaust Memorial Commission.

Mogilensky moved to Baltimore in 1987 and became the program director of the Jewish Historical Society and Museum of Maryland. In 1994, Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke appointed her to the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities.

She retired in 1998 and spends her time speaking, writing, and volunteering for the American Red Cross Holocaust and War Victims Search Center.

Education Center to host Troops to Teachers workshop

Story by

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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Education Center will present a Troops to Teachers Workshop for eligible individuals considering a transition to public school teaching 10 a.m., Friday, April 28 in building 4305, room 243-B.

Robert Henry, TTT coordinator for the state of Maryland, will host the program. Henry said the workshop will provide an overview of the program focusing on information specific to Maryland, and discuss eligibility, registration and financial assistance opportunities.

All active duty, retirees, National Guard and Reserve, their spouses and college-aged children are encouraged to attend, Henry said.

"Program providers will also be on hand. They include Harford Community College, the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus, the College of Notre Dame, Towson

University and Goucher College, which has a new partnership with Baltimore City which is open to those in surrounding areas.

"In Maryland, there is a real need for teachers," he said. "Colleges don't fill enough vacancies and we have to bring in teachers from other states."

The Troops to Teachers program provides proven, experienced personnel, he added.

"We want mature individuals with real-world knowledge," he said. "They bring more to the plate and to the classroom."

In the past 12 years, within Maryland, the TTT/STT programs have provided more than 100 teachers and more than 8,500 nationwide with a 75 percent retention rate over five years.

For reservations, to the TTT/STT Workshop, call James Vanduyne, education services specialist, 410-306-2042 or e-mail him at james.vanduyne@apg.army.mil.

Soldiers take over classrooms at Roye-Williams

Story and photo by

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Thirty Soldiers, both drill sergeants and instructors, took command of several classrooms April 7 at Roye-Williams Elementary School as part of an ongoing partnership between the school and the 16th Ordnance Battalion.

The event was the brainchild of 16th Commander Lt. Col. Richard Parker, whose intent was to allow Soldiers to get hands-on experience in leading classrooms and an opportunity to interact with the students and staff.

"It was cool," said third grader Kenneth, whose class was taught by Staff Sgt. Lawrence Smith in place of third grade teacher Jennifer Spiker.

Spiker was on hand during the three-hour period as a "battle buddy" of sorts for Smith.

Smith was provided with the lesson plan that would have been covered ordinarily. The plan included taking attendance, checking the previous

night's homework, administering a spelling test, monitoring individual reading time and reading a book passage aloud to the students.

Smith said the session went very well.

"It was business as usual. They looked at me as sort of a substitute teacher in ACU [Army combat uniform]," he said jokingly.

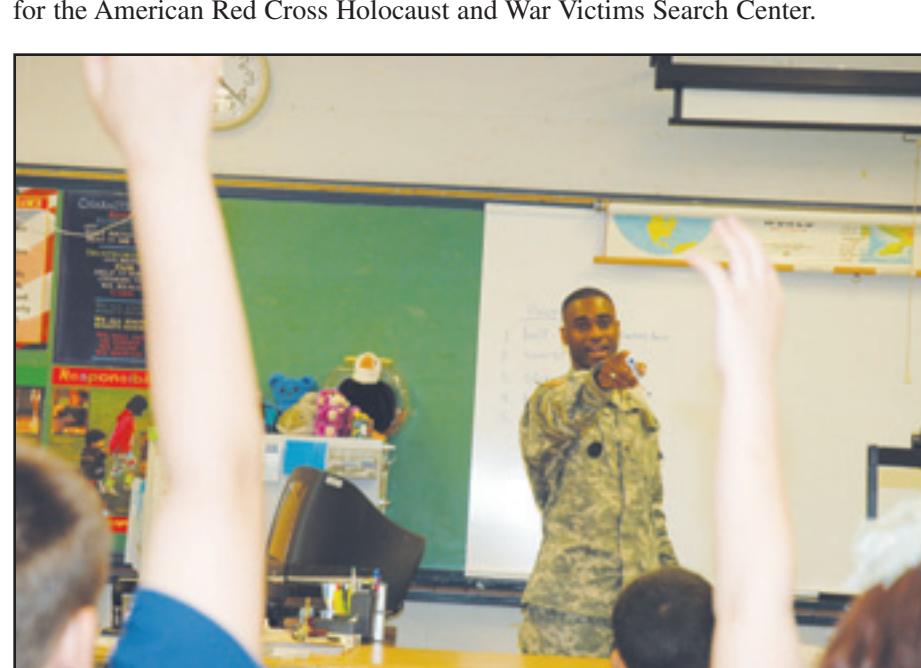
He said his presence had deeper significance as well.

"The kids see us showing an interest in them. Who knows, we might be looking at the next general or president," he said.

Spiker believes the partnership is also beneficial for the staff. Earlier in the school year, the teachers from Roye-Williams visited the 16th Ordnance Battalion and experienced first hand a day in the life of a Soldier.

"Understanding each other helps us communicate better," Spiker said.

Nearly 85 percent of the students at the school have some sort of connection with the military, according to



Staff Sgt. Smith, 16th Ordnance Battalion, selects a student to answer a spelling question April 7 at Roye-Williams Elementary School as part of the battalion's school partnership program.

Roye-Williams Principal Sue Osborn.

"We get a chance to see how hard the Soldiers work in their careers and how hard they work in their family lives," Spiker said.

Soldiers have participated in various activities as part of the partnership throughout the academic year. To wrap up the year, Soldiers will participate in Earth Day activities in early May.